



Welcomes you to join

BON ACCORD & SALE CONGRESS RETREAT



Join Laura Ginnan at one of Australia's most beautiful inland waterways. The Gippsland Lakes region is a network of lakes, marshes & lagoons covering over 600 square kilometers. The bird and marine life thrive here, with lake dolphins and pelicans frequenting many locations. This unique bridge-playing experience allows you the opportunity to play bridge in the Sale Bridge Club, take on lesson topics geared specifically to improve your Congress performance, sail on the Gippsland Lakes, & show off your skills at the Sale Bridge Club Congress.

RETREAT DETAILS

Dates:

- Wednesday 17th May 2023 – Sunday 21st May 2023

Location:

- Sale, Victoria - Bon Accord Luxury Boutique Accommodation + Sale Bridge Club

Cost:

- \$795 pp in the twin-share homestead rooms with shared bathrooms and boutique shared facilities.
- \$995 pp in the twin-share upstairs homestead luxury suite with your own bathroom or in any of the fully self-contained apartment-style accommodations.

[CLICK HERE to secure your booking today!](#)

Want to come play & join the fun but live in the area or have found our own accommodation? Email us at events@realdealbridge.com to discuss options (due to venue limitations we cannot accommodate solo travelers staying onsite)

Inclusions:

- All bridge lessons & comprehensive notes
- 4 nights accommodation at Bon Accord (Wed-Sun)
- Private charter by Sale Heritage Cruises <https://saleheritagecruises.com.au/history/>
- Deluxe continental breakfast each morning
- Dinners each night & lunch Thursday - Saturday
- Wine, beer, coffee and tea (BYO spirits)

RETREAT ITINERARY

Wednesday, 17th of May

The holiday formally kicks off at the Sale Bridge Club where we will be diving into our first lesson at 2:00 pm. If you can make your way down earlier, the Sale BC would love to welcome you into their duplicate game which runs from 10:00 am (arrival by 9.45 am). If you aren't making the morning game, you are also welcome to check in to Bon Accord any time after 12:00 pm. In the evening we will enjoy a home-cooked meal with the optional social bridge to follow.

Thursday, 18th of May

This content-filled day of lessons & practical examples will reveal the secrets to success in Congress play. After an early dinner, bridge addicts can head to the evening Sale BC duplicate game. Others can enjoy an informal evening discussing the day's content.

Friday, 19th of May

Our morning will round out our teaching! We will then set sail in the afternoon with a private charter through the canals on the Rubeena, a converted steamboat from the 20s! A relaxed evening will lead to the gala dinner and social bridge to follow.



Saturday, 20th of May

After a lie-in or a rejuvenating walk around the gardens make your own way to the Sale Racecourse (6 min drive) and compete in the Congress Pairs. After play concludes, head back to Bon Accord where a grazing-style dinner and drinks awaits and we talk through the hands, celebrate the successes and try to work out where the wheels may have fallen off.

Sunday, 21st of May

Our holiday formally ends as we check-out and make our way to the Congress Teams. If you don't have teammates, don't worry- we will line you up.

If you want to stay on Sunday night, Tim from Bon Accord has promised a fantastic rate!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Venue details:

- Bon Accord Luxury Boutique Accommodation
- Situated on two acres of gardens in Sale, Gippsland. Bon Accord is one of the city's oldest heritage properties dating from the early 1860s.
- Take a look at <https://www.bonaccordb-b.com.au/>

Getting there:

- 2.5 hrs from Melbourne's CBD - You will need to organize your own transportation

Payment, refunds & cancellations:

- Places are strictly limited to 20 people staying onsite & full payment is required to secure your spot. In the unfortunate situation that you need to cancel, we will do the best that we can to fill your spot or you might know someone who would like to attend in your place. If your spot can be filled a full refund will be provided. If your place cannot be filled a partial refund of 40% will be provided and 50% of your payment can be used as a credit on future RDB events.

[Secure your spot now CLICK HERE](#)



ABOUT LAURA AND THE BRIDGE PROGRAM



Laura has won multiple national championships, represented & won a World Junior Championships bronze medal while representing Australia. Locally Laura is a regular on the Victorian Women's team & has won multiple Victorian Congress events. She is also a level 2 nationally qualified director.

As a teacher, Laura is relaxed, approachable, & patient and enjoys the challenge of delivering thought-provoking content with cards in your hands as much as possible. With 14 years working in bridge club management, event coordination, teaching, directing, & professional play you couldn't be in better hands for this event.

The topics presented during this holiday are specifically focused on improving Congress performance. They offer a rare insight into the tactics you can apply to maximize your score while playing IMPs format.

